

SECRET INFORMATION CONTROL

30 MAR 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Janis MAZULANS []

1. In response to the request from your office, unnumbered Bureau Memorandum, dated 10 March 1961, Subject: Mrs. MURRIKS, outlined below is additional information concerning Janis MAZULANS [] his current status, and data which he has provided on persons living in the United States.

2. The interrogation of Janis MAZULANS was, for all practical purposes, considered to be completed as of 3 March 1961. However, some details, including a polygraph examination, remain to be ironed out. It is the opinion of [] that MAZULANS was, during the interrogation, confused, vague, and, at times, contradictory, especially as related to his connections and work with the KGB. While he consistently tried to convey the impression that he was being cooperative, any attempt to delve more deeply and exhaustively into his background has been fruitless. It was not believed that further interrogation would produce any concrete results.

3. During the course of the interrogation, MAZULANS provided the following information on Latvians whom he claims are now living in the United States:

- a. Otto VIZULIS, RFD #1, Roscoe, New York: VIZULIS allegedly was born somewhere between 1910 and 1915 in the United States. He returned to Latvia in the early 1920's or 1930's with his parents (not further identified). During World War II, VIZULIS remained in Latvia where he was employed at the Raguks electric plant. He somehow managed to avoid internment by the Germans during the war (no mention was made by MAZULANS as to whether or not VIZULIS served with the Soviets in any manner). After the

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war was over, VIZULIS decided to use his United States citizenship as a means of getting out of the USSR. In the fall of 1946 MAZILANS took several photographs of VIZULIS as required by the United States Embassy in Moscow for a passport. VIZULIS' documents were, according to MAZILANS, carried to the United States Embassy in Moscow by Frida GEMALOVSKIS, a mutual friend of MAZILANS and VIZULIS. Why GEMALOVSKIS was willing to take such a risk could not be explained by MAZILANS. VIZULIS returned to the United States in late 1946 or early 1947. Not too long after VIZULIS returned to the United States, and in any event, not later than early 1948, MAZILANS received a card from VIZULIS with the return address HWY #1, Roscoe, New York, U.S.A., on it. MAZILANS said that he did not answer this and heard nothing more from VIZULIS. MAZILANS claims that the KGB was certainly aware of his relationship with VIZULIS but that they never questioned him about it. MAZILANS could not recall whether or not he included VIZULIS' name among a listing of friends of his abroad when he prepared a list of such persons for the KGB and he assumed that, if he did list VIZULIS, the KGB apparently was not interested.

- b. O. RUPREIS, 228 Bostwick Avenue, Great Neck, N.Y.; RUPREIS is a cousin of MAZILANS' brother-in-law, Alexander RUPREIS who lives in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. O. RUPREIS, who lives in the United States, occasionally sends packages to his cousin in Latvia.

- c. E. KURE, 141 Pennsylvania, Denver 9, Colorado (Note: the name as it appeared in the report from DRC was given as KURE. However, in a notebook that MAZILANS brought with him, the name is KURE. This office assumes that the spelling in the DRC report was an error): According to MAZILANS, E. KURE is a relative of Rita KURENA, nee: SKRISTINA, who lives in Riga, Latvia. MAZILANS said that he had told Rita KURENA that he was going on a tourist trip to Sweden, that he might defect and that he was interested in any addresses in the West. KURENA allegedly was not surprised at the request and gave, without asking any questions, the name and address of E. KURE.

Comment: According to information furnished to this office by a usually reliable source, there is a Mrs. Elga KIRK-KIRKING who lives at 181 South Pennsylvania Street, Denver 9, Colorado. From another source, this office has learned that the residence 181 South Pennsylvania Street, Denver 9, Colorado, is a duplex building and that one of the occupants is a Janis KIRKING and his wife, Zelma, who have lived there since 1958. Janis KIRKING arrived in the United States in 1951 but he is not a citizen, and he is employed as a janitor for United Air Lines. This office believes that Mrs. Elga KIRK-KIRKING is probably identical with the E. KIRK mentioned by MATTHEWS and that she, in turn, is probably identical with Zelma KIRKING, the wife of Janis KIRKING.

- d. Selma's CASE, 9534 V. Harrison Avenue, West Allis 19, Wisconsin: CASE, according to MATTHEWS, was born about 1920. He became editor of a Latvian newspaper published in Jelgava, Latvia and, at this same time, MATTHEWS was working at the Agricultural Academy in Jelgava. The two became acquainted. MATTHEWS claims that, after he defected in Sweden, he received a letter from CASE in which CASE congratulated him on his escape. MATTHEWS stated that CASE became aware of his escape by reading about it in the Latvian exile newspaper, Latvian. According to MATTHEWS he did not include CASE's name in his list of acquaintances abroad that he prepared for the KGB.

4. In addition to the information contained in Paragraph 3 above, MATTHEWS provided the following story: He has been friends, since as early as 1937, with Andrejs APREITS who lives in Riga, Latvia, also as belonged to the same Latvian Boy Scouts Troop and travelled together to the Netherlands in 1937 to attend a World Scout jamboree. Shortly before MATTHEWS left Latvia on the trip to Sweden, he confided to Andrejs APREITS his intention to defect.

Comment: Andrejs APREITS has been an agent in Latvia for CIA and is considered to be controlled by the KGB. APREITS is a close personal friend of Vladimir SPEKINS and, in addition, it is known to this office that APREITS and SPEKINS have been co-workers in a Latvian resistance organization which is considered by this office as being under the control of the KGB. Vladimir SPEKINS is mentioned in Paragraph 6 of CSRT-3/762,805, dated 17 January 1961, Subject: Velma KIRKING, et al.

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5. We will appreciate being advised of any information you may develop on the persons referred to in Paragraphs 3 and 4 above. As additional information is received from DMC on NASHLANS by this office, it will be forwarded to you.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (FIANS):

Signed: *[Signature]*
for JAMES AMBLINGTON

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